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PRIVATE COMPANIES FOR ILDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the public sector and private sector companies dealing with International Long Distance Service at present;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to allow more number of private companies to operate International Distance Service; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) At present there are four private sector companies which are dealing with International Long Distance Service viz M/s Bharti Telesonic Limited, M/s Reliance Infocomm Limited, M/s Data Access(India) Limited and M/s Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited. A present, no public sector company is dealing with International Long Distance Service.

(b) & (c): As per the guidelines for International Long Distance Service, there is no restriction on the number of players.